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SUBJ: NIGER FOOD AID

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1. DURING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE ON OTHER MATTERS FEBRUARY 20, I REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR SALIFOU'S RECENT SESSION WITH AFR/CWR DIRECTOR SHEAR REGARDING NIGER'S FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND TOLD PRESIDENT THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANY BILATERAL DEMARCHES WHICH GON WOULD BE MAKING TO MAJOR DONORS. I SAID GON'S FEBRUARY 9 APPEAL TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THROUGH LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS HAD CALLED ATTENTION TO PROBLEM, BUT TO MAKE SURE POINT GOT ACROSS, BILATERAL DIPLOMACY WAS REQUIRED.

2. PRESIDENT SAID HE COMPLETELY AGREED AND IN FACT BILATERAL AVGOQS WERE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. SPECIFICALLY, GON WAS TAKING FOLLOWING STEPS WITH:

A) FEB. GON HAD MEETING WITH FED DELEGATION

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IN TOWN LAST WEEK TO OUTLINE ITS FOOD NEEDS AND

WOULD BE FOLLOWING UP IN BRUSSELS.

B) BELGIUM. THE PRESIDENT HAD JUST SPOKEN TO
BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ON THIS SUBJECT WHO VISITNG
NIAMEY FROM ABIDJAN AND THERE WOULD BE FURTHER FOLLOW UP
IN BRUSSELS.

C) DABELL AND GOLDING OF OSRO WERE FULLY BRIEFED
AS RESULT OF THEIR RECENT VISIT TO NIAMEY.

D) CANADIAN CIDA TEAM OF METIVIER AND RACHICOT
WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOWN LAST FEW DAYS, HAD BEEN MADE
AWARE OF SITUATION AND WOULD BE REPORTING BACK TO OTTAWA
NEXT WEEK. (SEE NIAMEY 0710).

3. THIS LEFT BONN AND LONDON AND RELEVANT NIGER MISSIONS
WERE BEING INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE
AUTHORITIES IN BOTH CAPITALS.HECK

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